GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ALLEGED FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES IN ICCR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has unearthed alleged financial irregularities in the Indian Council of Cultural Relations(ICCR);

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether people have been allegedly sent abroad illegally in the guise of cultural troupes; and

(d) If so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a-d) The matter relating to the alleged past financial irregularities in the ICCR, including with regard to the sending of one cultural troupe abroad, has been entrusted to the CBI, whose investigation is still ongoing.